

In the claims

1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) A method for communicating with a remote set top box (STB) comprising the step of:

receiving at a first location remote from the STB a first item of information related to parameter settings associated with the STB from the STB; and

comparing at the first location remote from the STB the first item of information with a second item of information, the second item of information being related to parameter settings expected to be associated with the STB; and

based on a result of the comparing, communicating an instruction involving the parameter settings from the first location remote from the STB to the STB.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the second item of information is received by the first location remote from the STB from a database.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 6, wherein the first item of information includes information related to a fixed disc drive.

9-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the STB is integrated into a television.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having encoded instructions that causes at least one computer to:

receive a first item of information from a set top box (STB), wherein the first item of information relates to parameter settings associated with the STB;

retrieve a second item of information from a database spaced from the STB, wherein the second item of information relates to an expected configuration of the STB; compare the first item of information with the second item of information; and send an STB instruction to the STB wherein the instruction is adapted to perform a function on the STB that is related to the parameter settings.

26. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the second item of information is received from a database.

27. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 25, wherein the encoded instructions further cause the STB instructions to be sent to a remote resource manager of the STB and wherein the encoded instructions further cause the remote resource manager to detect the resources and send the first item of information.

28. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 29, wherein the encoded instructions further cause the STB to receive user input that requests a new service, and determine by the remote resource manager whether the STB has the resources to support the new service.

29. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the STB is integrated into a television.

30. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the STB instructions provide for at least one of enabling a resource of the STB related to the first item of information, disabling a resource of the STB related to the first item of information, including authorization keys related to the first item of information, and causing the STB to diagnose a problem of the STB related to the first item of information.

Remarks

Claims 6-9 and 11-30 were pending and were subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 6-8, 23, and 25-30 are the claims of group I and are hereby elected. The claims of group II are cancelled without prejudice. Applicant asserts that all pending claims are in condition for allowance as set forth in the previously filed response.

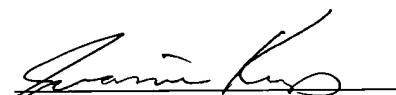
Conclusion

Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks above and further request that a Notice of Allowability be provided. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned.

No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3025.

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